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COAL GOUGERS GET MILLIONS, FIGURES SHOW

Anthracite Consumers Prey of Profiteers, McCain Asserts

PUBLIC BLUDGEONED; PRICES INCREASING

Retail Cost in Philadelphia \$6.55 a Ton Higher Than in Wilkes-Barre

U. S. AGENTS DO NOTHING

Twenty-two Million Dollars Grabbed From Purchasers Since April 1

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 2.—This anthracite coal strike has seemingly but one big interest to Philadelphia; how much higher is it going to send the price of coal?

The people of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, towns in the anthracite country, pay \$7.95 a long ton for nut coal. The people of Philadelphia and southeastern Pennsylvania, 130 miles distant, pay \$14.50 for the same grade.

Freight rates and local handling considered, the problem is, who is fattening this jobbery in a universal necessity?

It is about time Philadelphia quit dreaming and looked this problem square in the eyes.

Even here in the seat of the great anthracite field in the world, the public is being aroused to the inquiry. Newspapers usually submissive to the cogitations of the coal field are blurring out ugly facts with astonishing frequency. They talk about the greed and remorseless avarice of the operators and middlemen, and how they are gouging the public.

Consumers "Hoofed" They are awakening to the fact that they have been "hoofed" as the refined "Mr. Muggsy" McGraw, of Lamb's stew farm, would remark.

Just the same, Philadelphia also has the print of the coal profiteers' boot heel in equally large design upon her neck. Philadelphia needs shaking up.

It is almost criminal foolishness to go gadding for Armour and the meat trust in Chicago when a condition that tops it like a skyscraper exists at the threshold of every home in the East.

There are but two individuals who can be responsible for fleecing millions of dollars from the pockets of the Philadelphia public; the coal operator, or else his sales agent, and the retailer. Which is it or both?

The people have been bled and economically bludgeoned for months. There are figures to prove it. Now with winter at hand, with thousands of coal cellars empty and tons of thousands only partially filled, there is fresh talk of another raise in the price of coal. I have heard \$17 a ton predicted for it.

Conspiracy of Profiteering It is nothing short of a conspiracy of profiteering. The figures would have been made public two months ago showing how the coal operators have built up after-war fortunes of millions, only the majority members of Woodrow Wilson's anthracite coal commission checked out the revelation before the revelator got his lips set for the recital.

There isn't a single fact so hard to get at as figures concerning coal operators' profits. They don't want something, but no one ever heard an operator or middleman "sneer" about the subject of net profits. He didn't himself couldn't break that secret.

One of the largest coal concerns in the world, the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., has published a list of prices to domestic consumers in this region. Here are the figures:

Broken and egg, \$7.00 per ton; Stove, \$7.85 per ton; Nut, \$7.95 per ton; Pea, \$6.15 per ton; Buckwheat, \$4.10 per ton; Rice, \$3 per ton; Barley, \$2.25 per ton.

This is for a long ton of 2240 pounds f. o. b. at the mines.

Compare the Figures It seems like a pretty good price to pay for coal mined within a mile or so of home. But with any curious Philadelphia publisher compare the figures with the price he pays for the same article 130 miles from the mine.

Not only have the operators taken every award of increased wages to their prices, but an opportunity to boost coal prices as an excuse for an advance in the price. When the miners and operators last month agreed to submit the question to a coal commission with wages to a coal commission with the proviso that the award should be immediately applied to the price of coal.

Now, W. Jett Lauck, the economic expert employed by the United Mine Workers to appear before the coal commission, comes out in a most remarkable statement. It is that of the \$40,000,000 taken from the public as a result of this

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THEY ARE REAL VOTERS NOW



Mothers and sons and wives and husbands accompanied each other to polling places today to register for the coming November election. The photograph, taken at the polling place of the eighteenth division of the Fifth ward at 612 Spruce street, shows (left to right standing) Mrs. Tilly May Forney, Mrs. Edith Rorden, Mrs. Jane Rutherford and Mrs. John Story, Martin Hines, a registrar, and J. J. Story. Seated (left to right) are Roger M. Blackin, an election official, William Rutherford, whose mother has just registered, and Phillip Maltman, an election official.

OPERATORS BALK AT SIGNING AWARD

Hesitate to Disburse \$18,000,000 While Strike is in Progress

100,000 MEN REPORTED OUT

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 2.—Anthracite operators have planned an insurgent movement of their own. Meeting at Scranton today with the mine workers, the subcommittee of the operators has refused, or failed to this time, to sign the majority award of the anthracite wage commission.

The reason for this is the claim that if the operators adopt the award, they will be forced to pay \$18,000,000 in back pay to the strikers, and this they are not willing to do while the men are on strike.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 2.—It is estimated that between 60,000 and 100,000 miners are idle in the anthracite region and that 180 of the 300 collieries are closed.

An attempt to better conditions and stem the torrent of discontent among the United Mine Workers is being made by the miners' officials. It is to ask equalization of wages with those paid in the bituminous field. It is now up to the commission to decide whether it will consider the new demands.

\$18,000,000 Back Pay Involved The principal incentive to the miners' officials in signing the two-year agreement was not only that they had agreed in advance to accept it, but if they had not done so it would have released the operators from their obligation to pay them \$18,000,000 back pay dating to April 1.

The meeting of the general assembly committee called by Secretary of Labor Wilson is still in session here. It is attended by both operators and miners. The United Mine Workers who went out yesterday and this morning have no defenders among their officials. The latter have nothing to say and offer no defense of their position.

The situation in the anthracite region now resolves itself into a square knock-down-and-drag-out between the officials of the United Mine Workers and the loyal followers and the outlaws.

If the latter triumph there are prospects of pretty slim coal rationing in the eastern United States this winter. The 8000 men who have been on strike in the Pittston district are real outlaws. A mere handful of them are members of the union, a few hundred at the most. They refuse to recognize the union, though Enoch Williams, their leader, still retains his union card.

The United States Department of Justice has suddenly been galvanised into coming to the aid of the miners, and to the aid of its gunshoe men. They were in evidence at Wilkes-Barre yesterday when the outlaw miners of the First district resolved to take a vacation.

It is possible that they have discovered that there is a Lever Law. The United States district attorney here has threatened to take action—and work it ends.

As for the danger of a general walk-out with a coal famine to follow, no one can tell. These miners act sporadically and more or less impulsively. It seems, anyhow it is a question whether they will stand up to their agreement or whether they will deliberately smash it.

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GAS LEAK ACCIDENT CAUSE

Mail Plane in Which Max Miller Was Killed a Total Loss

Washington, Sept. 2.—(By A. P.)—A mail plane probably caused the accident yesterday near Morris-town, N. J., in which Max Miller, air mail pilot, and Gustave Hieron, mechanic, lost their lives.

Superintendent of the Post office at Washington, where he visited the offices of the shipping board, Mr. Moore said he learned proposals for the mail plane were being prepared. The proposals will be ready for advertisement within ten days.

KILLED BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Mother of Six Children Unable to Control Newly Shod Steed

Reading, Pa., Sept. 2.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Dominic Lebrun, aged forty-three, wife of a farmer on the Price-town road, died last evening when a horse she was driving ran away, wrecking the carriage, dragging her a considerable distance and fracturing her skull.

She had taken the horse to a blacksmith to be shod. Six children survive.

AUTO ROBBERS BIND AND GAG WATCHMAN; GET THREE MACHINES

Man is Overpowered in Garage on North Nineteenth Street. Cars Are Driven Off

Three motorcars, with a combined value of \$5700, were stolen shortly after midnight from Markee's garage, 810 North Nineteenth street, by five wholesalers in the theft of motors, who bound and gagged the watchman.

Harvey Palmer, 1944 North Uber street, the watchman, was making his rounds when a towel was looped over his head from behind and he was jerked off his feet. Though he fought, he was swiftly motioned, bound and gagged and rolled on the floor.

The five men then calmly inspected the cars and picked out the three they liked best. These were a big roadster belonging to Dr. D. L. Snyder, of 1635 Girard avenue, valued at \$3500; a small sedan, belonging to Mrs. A. N. Hancock, 742 North Eleventh street, worth \$1100, and another small sedan valued at the same sum, the property of S. T. Lewis, 813 North Twenty-fourth street.

Having picked their cars the robbers opened the big doors of the garage, ran the machines out, closed the doors again and made off.

At 2 o'clock this morning a customer of the garage drove up, and when he could not get an answer to his knocks, entered by a side door he found open and heard Palmer kicking the floor with his heels to attract attention.

The watchman notified the police of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station after he was set free. He was unable to describe the robbers.

JOHN MASLAND, JR., KILLED

Steps From Auto in Front of Home and is Hit by Trolley

John Masland, Jr., nephew of C. H. Masland, carpet manufacturer, was hurt fatally last night when he was struck in front of his home, 6940 York road, by a southbound trolley car. He had just stepped from his motorcar when hit.

The young man was taken to the Lehigh Hospital, where he died soon after.

Mr. Masland had been in West Philadelphia earlier in the day. There was no street light near his home when he stepped out.

He stepped into the road unaware that a trolley car was bearing down on him.

William Eisenhard, Doylestown, the motorman, was held by Magistrate Carson in Central Police Station today to await the action of the coroner.

CHILD, 5, HIT BY AUTO

Victim is Taken to Hospital by Driver of Machine

While playing in the street near his home at Fifty-second and Thompson streets last night, James Lawrence, five years old, 1320 North Fifty-third street, was struck by an automobile driven by James Longwell, 620 Columbia avenue. He received a possible fracture of the leg.

Longwell picked the youngster up and hurried him to the West Philadelphia Homopathic Hospital. Later he surrendered to the police of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station house. He will be given a hearing before Magistrate Price today.

MAYOR BACK ON JOB

Ends Short Vacation and Tells of Visit to Harding

Mayor Moore appeared at City Hall today after an eight-day motor trip. He said he went for rest and information and obtained both.

His trip was a most successful one. He was met by Senator and Mrs. Harding at Marion, O. The Mayor called on Senator Crow, Republican state chairman, at Uniontown, Pa.

At Washington, where he visited the offices of the shipping board, Mr. Moore said he learned proposals for the mail plane were being prepared. The proposals will be ready for advertisement within ten days.

TOOMEY REPORTED IN NEW CONFESSION

Accused Defaulter Said to Have Explained How He Got \$324,000 From Bank

FALSE ACCOUNT USED

Charles L. Toomey is said to have made a complete confession, supplementary to his earlier alleged admissions, owing that in two years he misappropriated \$324,000.

Toomey, an assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust Co., Chestnut street near Fourth, was in charge of the account of a large estate, of which the Fidelity is executor.

According to the report in financial circles, Toomey, who is now in jail awaiting trial, is said to have confessed that he made out an identification card, such as are used in opening checking accounts, and signed the name of one of the principal heirs of the estate of which he was executor.

He is alleged to have confessed that he then took bond interest and dividends from securities held by the estate and deposited them under the name of the fictitious account.

He next drew checks against this account for his personal use, it is said, and the bank believed that the checks to the estate were merely drawing his own money.

According to the alleged confession, the fact that the heir whose name Toomey used did not appear at the bank to claim his share of the income from the estate enabled Toomey to carry on the deception for two years.

Recently Toomey was on his vacation at Mr. Barnes' home at Lake Champlain and Lake George.

PENNSY PORTER WOUNDED

Commuters at Broad Street Station Scattered When Shot is Fired

The after-theatre crowd of commuters in Broad Street Station scattered wildly when a flashily dressed negro, waiting for a train shot one of the negro porters at 12:40 o'clock this morning. The man was held today under \$1500 bond by Magistrate Carson in Central Station.

David Roberts, twenty-four years old, of 2528 Pine street, the porter, was shot in the leg, and asked John McPartee, another negro, of Downingtown, to move out of the way of the dust. McPartee refused, and later grew angry when some dust settled on his highly polished shoes.

A crowd gathered to hear the argument, but was swiftly dispersed when McPartee drew a revolver and fired, striking Roberts in the back. Detective Cleveland arrested the running negro at the foot of the station stairs and took him to Central Station. Roberts was treated by a railroad physician in the first-aid room.

FIND GIRL HURT IN STREET

Glenside Young Woman Believed Victim of Motorcar

Estelle Forster, twenty years old, a domestic employed by M. de Mays, Glenside, was found in a dazed condition in the street last night at McCullum street and Mount Pleasant avenue. She died early today in the Germantown Hospital.

The young woman was found by E. W. Tunell, 378 Harvey street. She apparently had been struck by an automobile. Tunell placed her in his motorcar and took her to the hospital.

GROESBECK HOLDS LEAD

Apparently is Nominated for G.O.P. Governor of Michigan

Detroit, Sept. 2.—(By A. P.)—One congressional nomination appeared to be the only result remaining in doubt early today as related returns from Tuesday's primary came in. That was in the Tenth district, where Congressman Gilbert Currie was in a close race with Roy O. Woodruff, with the latter holding a slight advantage.

All other congressmen who sought re-election and met opposition apparently had safe leads.

PROBERS ADJOURN WITHOUT HEARING GOV. COX'S AGENT

Moore Expected to Present Evidence to Sustain Slush Fund Charges Tuesday

BARNES TO BE SUMMONED TO TELL ABOUT HIS BOOK

Polndexter Declares \$200,000 Reasonable Sum for Senatorial Contests

By the Associated Press

Chicago, Sept. 2.—The Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures adjourned shortly after noon without having heard Edmund Moore, of Ohio, Governor Cox's personal representative, who was expected to present data to back up Cox's charge of a \$150,000 slush fund.

By CLAYTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Tuesday will probably bring out before the Kenyon investigating committee all that remains of Governor Cox's charges and his evidence to support them. Senator Pomerene is expected to bring back from Columbus, as a result of yesterday's conference with the Democratic candidate, all the facts upon which the governor based his charges.

When this information has been placed before the committee will be near the end of its task. Only a few odds and ends remain to be cleared up, including the book published by William Barnes, of New York, and his list of subscribers.

The committee has been running into the minor details of campaign expenditures, the senators of both parties fighting for hours to fasten some minor detail on the other's opponent.

Nothing sensational has been disclosed. The Republican campaign fund is evidently going to be about what was expected. It would be the Democratic campaign fund is going to be much smaller, which is nothing unusual. The lists of subscribers of both parties to date disclose nothing which can be made an issue in the campaign.

The Democratic managers profess to find sinister influences only in Mr. Barnes' list of subscribers. For the sake of Governor Cox's charges, they must find sinister influences somewhere, and they do it in this way. William Marsh, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, shakily pledged their moral and financial support to propaganda conducted by Mr. Barnes. Both pledges are printed under the same heading which refers to a sinister thing for a corporation to give money for propaganda by Mr. Barnes, but not for it to give money to the publication of a book by him.

Help to Needy Politician As a matter of fact, the Barnes publication looks to unprejudiced eyes like the thrifty effort of a needy politician to make a bit of money for himself out of the national campaign. Mr. Barnes has been a figure of some prominence in the past, notably in the national convention of 1912, but he is no longer. A great many men of wealth have probably been quite willing to see Mr. Barnes by means of a very generously underwritten publication which probably would have been a success.

Harding's political opportunism of this year, by means of a very generously underwritten publication which probably would have been a success.

Mr. Barnes, when he takes the stand in response to Senator Reed's invitation, will undoubtedly clear up the mystery as to who got the money. If it went into his pocket as author and publisher it wasn't sinister money.

All the triumphs of both sides have been of the petty Senator who delights in the politician anxious to get something on the other fellow. Virtue had one triumph when Senator Harry Newcomb, thoroughly enjoying what he was doing, proved by letters that the Democrats had in their employ one man who had offered his services also to the Republicans. A few hours later this sinister thing was made an example of. Both sides felt that the cause of public morality had been splendidly served.

Marsh is Smooth Party Wilbur Marsh scored a little triumph of his own almost as great as Senator Harding's. He is a very engaging personality, smooth, smiling and engagingly fair, praising the Republican party for its splendid system of decentralizing

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Probe and Speechmaking Mark Presidential Race

Senator Pomerene is expected to hand the Senate investigating committee the facts on which Cox bases his charges against the Republicans.

Harding discussed the league with Senator Knox and addressers teachers and ball players before witnessing a baseball game tonight. He will visit twenty-two states before returning to Dayton.

Women Give Registrars Busiest Day at Polls

New Voters Go Early to Get Names on Lists; Four Do Without Breakfast and Walk Mile to Perform Duty

"THE ladies, bless their hearts," as one veteran of the polls phrased it, went to the polling places in happy legions for the first time in their lives today and registered for the vote they will cast in November.

Wanted young and old, matron and maid, all bright of eye and a bit excited over the actual exercise of a privilege for which they fought so long and so bravely, flocked to the polling places all over the city and gave the registrars officers perhaps the busiest day they ever put in.

One surprising feature was the early hour at which many of the women appeared. Another was the ease with which most of them adapted themselves to this new situation.

Mayor Makes Wife Pay Tax MAYOR MOORE, his wife and their son, Clayton, registered at the polling place of the ninth division of the Fifth ward, at Third and Cypress streets. They reached the polling place at 10:40 o'clock.

The Mayor perfunctorily signed the registration book and was giving out a short interview in which he said that although he had not favored woman suffrage while in Congress, he was now in favor of women voting, when his wife interrupted.

"Do you have to pay this fifty cents poll tax, or will you pay it?" Mrs. Moore asked.

"No, I'll not pay the tax. It's your vote, and you should pay for it."

"All right," Mrs. Moore said seriously, as she produced the required half dollar, "but it will come out of the house money." Incidentally, the law makes it obligatory for each voter to pay

his or her own poll tax, out of his or her pocket.

Mrs. Moore was the second woman to register in the ward.

When one of the registrars asked her age, she demurred, and said: "Can't I give it as twenty-one plus?"

"I'm sorry, madam," the registrar said, "but you must give your approximate age."

"All right, then," said Mrs. Moore. "I'm fifty-eight."

Mrs. Moore said she had never been actively interested in woman's suffrage, but that she felt it was now as much her duty as her husband's to vote.

She said her daughter, Mrs. Paul Barnes, of Ambler, registered today. As the Mayor was leaving the polling place, he announced that he would today sign the ordinance appropriating money to provide the machinery necessary for the women to vote. He said he would pay no attention to the controversy in Tennessee.

Register Before Breakfast FOUR women walked more than a mile before breakfast to register. They were on hand at their polling place, 1901 North Fifty-third street, in the Thirty-fourth ward, before all the registrars had arrived.

Three of the women are sisters, and the fourth is a school teacher who boards with them. The household expressed a Republican preference.

The sisters are Misses Catherine C. Hoffmeister, fifty years old; A. W. Hoffmeister, fifty years old; and Emma P. Hoffmeister, who gave her age as nearly fifty.

As the women walked into the polling place at the stroke of 7, after a vigorous walk through the chill early morning air, Joseph Phillips, one of the registrars, said, "You'll have to wait a

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MAYOR SIGNS ENROLLMENT FUND LAW

Mayor Moore today signed the three ordinances passed by Council at a recent special session providing funds for the assessment and registration of women voters. It was his first official act upon his return from an eight-day motor trip.

SEVERAL HURT IN INDIANA TRAIN WRECK

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Sept. 2.—Southern Railway train No. 2 bound from Louisville to St. Louis, was derailed while emerging from a tunnel near Georgetown, ten miles from here, late last night. No passengers were killed, but several were reported injured.

BUDENNY'S ARMY WOMAN 'BOSSISM' GONE, SAY POLES RAPPED BY KNIGHT

Annihilation of Russian Cavalry Force Reported in Warsaw

Warsaw, Sept. 2.—The Bolshevik army of General Budenny, noted cavalry leader, was annihilated during the operations in Lemberg sector, which began August 29 and ended September 1, says the Polish official statement on military operations issued today. Isolated detachments of Budenny's forces succeeded in escaping and are in disorderly retreat.

General Budenny's mounted men had been endeavoring to break through the Polish lines and march upon Lublin. They had nearly completed an enveloping movement against Zamosz, midway between Lublin and Lemberg, but were outflanked by the Poles and attacked from the east. The engagement resulted in the defeat of the Polish forces along the entire center of the front, and the Russians were compelled to retreat in disorder with the Poles in close pursuit.

The Bolsheviks lost heavily in killed and wounded, and the statement, the Poles captured thousands of prisoners, sixteen guns and enormous quantities of material.

The fighting centered in the Zamosz region, the battle taking the form of numerous cavalry clashes with the infantry filling in the gaps and attacking all along the line simultaneously. The operations were carried out in accordance with the Polish battle plan, which had led the Russians into trap, where they were attacked from all sides.

Besides announcing the victory of the Poles over Budenny in the Zamosz battle, the communique reports successes along the entire center of the front, where the Russians were bested in the fighting.

General Budenny's mounted army, the Polish statement asserts, had received absolute orders to break along the Polish front in the region of Zamosz and march upon Lublin together with the Twelfth Soviet army, which also was to pass to the offensive in the region of Cholm. Because of the advance of the Poles previously along the Bug, however, the offensive of the Twelfth army was rendered impossible. The Soviet troops, concentrated in the region of Plesca, Smolark and Jagodina, were unable to stand under the Polish attack and retreated, leaving many prisoners in the hands of the Poles.

The first defeat upon the Budenny forces, the communique states, was inflicted by the Poles in the region of Grabowice, just to the northeast of Zamosz, where a Bolshevik brigade had been massed. More than 200 prisoners were taken in this encounter.

Negotiations for joint operation by

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WOMEN REGISTER FOR FIRST TIME; MAN IN BACK SEAT

Husbands, Fathers and Sons Lost in Shuffle of Femininity at Polls

EXPECT TOTAL OF 300,000

Mrs. Thomson Says Many Will Need Prodding Before They Qualify to Vote

Mr. Bartlett Learns Where He Gets Off

"What's your political party?" a registrar asked Mrs. Mary G. Bartlett, 4640 Locust street, who came to the polling place in the thirtieth division of the Forty-sixth ward, with her husband, H. S. Bartlett.

"She's a Republican," Mr. Bartlett volunteered.

Mrs. Bartlett gave him a quick look and a hasty answer.

"I'll tell the registrar," she remarked.

"We are coming Mother Anthony, 300,000 strong."

This was the unspoken thought of legions of women who trooped to polling places today and registered their right to vote under the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

The turn-out of new voters was surprisingly large in some residential sections, although in many others only a fraction of those assessed appeared for registration.

Many of the women appeared at the polls early, while the registrars had not expected.

A cross-section of the 1286 polling places here gave an inkling of the number of women registered. The figures were obtained up to 1 o'clock this afternoon.

In the twentieth division, Thirty-fourth ward, fifty-four women and fifty-seven men had registered. In the Twenty-sixth ward the number of women assessed, or entitled to register, and those actually registered were shown in the figures:

Twenty-ninth division, 265 assessed, 2 women registered; thirty-third division, 97 women assessed, 10 women registered; thirty-fourth division, 12 women assessed, 12 women registered; thirty-fifth division, 108 women assessed, 3 women registered; thirty-eighth division, 104 women assessed, 3 women assessed, and in the thirty-seventh division, 504 women assessed and 6 women registered.

Chivalry Discouraged